

Blake-Waters Assay Office
222 J Street
Sacramento, Sacramento County
California

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ADDRESS: 222 J Street between Second and Third Streets
OWNER: The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento
OCCUPANT: Now vacant; building to be removed to permit
construction of a Freeway
USE: Until recently used as a barber shop

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1852, this one-story brick structure was occupied by three firms of assayers and refiners between 1852 and 1866. These firms were Blake and Company, Waters and Company, and J. Howell and Company.

DESCRIPTIVE ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The simple square of the street facade is penetrated by the three round-arched openings which have no decorative elements other than the impost blocks formed with brick and plaster. The 20 foot by 63 foot building has brick exterior walls and wood roof construction.

TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL

Condition of Building: Sound structure, modified facade

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Overall Plan Size: 20' wide, 63' long

No. of Stories: Basement and one story

EXTERIOR

Foundation: Brick

Wall Construction: Brick, load-bearing walls

Piers: Masonry piers on front facade

Openings:

Doorways & Doors - Brick arched openings, front and rear;
wood panelled doors

Windows - not original, not significant

Roof:

Shape - flat

Covering - built-up composition

Framing - wood joists

Wall Finish: Front facade, plaster over brick;
rear, exposed brickwork

Stairways: Wood stair to basement on rear

INTERIOR

Floor Plans:

Basement - not significant

First Floor - no original partitions

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Floor Construction and Flooring:

Basement - concrete, not original

First Floor - wood flooring on wood joists

Wall & Ceiling Finish: Plastered

Doorways & Doors: No original interior doors

SITE

The building is located on the south side of J Street between Second and Third Streets.

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